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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE USG/GOI ENERGY PROGRAM

1. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, SUBJECT OF POSSIBLE USG/GOI ENERGY COOPERATION WAS DISCUSSED BY AMBASSADOR WITH WIDJOJO PRIOR TO VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S ARRIVAL.

2. WE HAVE FOLLOWED UP ON THIS SUBJECT WITH MIGAS DIRECTOR WIJARSO, WHO IS CONSULTING WITH MINISTER OF MINES AND ENERGY SUBROTO AND MEMBERS OF THE INTER-MINISTERIAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON ENERGY BEFORE MAKING OFFICIAL RESPONSE.

3. IN INTERIM, WIJARSO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN POSSIBILITY OF USG/GOI ENERGY RELATIONSHIP, NOTING INDONESIA ALREADY IS RECEIVING VALUABLE ASSISTANCE FROM WORLD BANK AND JAPAN.

4. WORLD BANK IS DOING FOUR BASIC ECONOMIC STUDIES ON
A) COAL UTILIZATION, B) NATURAL GAS PRICING, C) ROLE OF PRIVATE GENERATING CAPACITY IN ELECTRIC POWER SYSTEM, AND D) ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN UTILIZATION OF FIREWOOD AND KEROSENE. JAPANESE ARE COOPERATING IN SETTING UP INDONESIAN DATA BANK FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY.

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5. WIJARSO DEFERRED SPECIFIC COMMENT ON POSSIBLE USG ROLE UNTIL AFTER HE SEES SUBROTO, BUT HE DID MAKE POINT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR INDONESIA TO HAVE IDEA OF GENERAL TIME-FRAME IN WHICH USG PROGRAM MIGHT BE IMPLEMENTED. FOR EXAMPLE, INDONESIAN PRIORITIES IN ENERGY SECTOR OVER NEXT 6-12 MONTHS MAY BE SUBSTANTIALLY DIFFERENT THAN THOSE TWO YEARS FROM NOW.

6. EMBASSY WILL REPORT FURTHER GOI REACTION WHEN RECEIVED, PROBABLY AT END OF NEXT WEEK. IN MEANTIME, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL INFO DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE TO FLESH OUT THIS ENERGY PROPOSAL. FOR EXAMPLE, WHAT USG AGENCY WILL FUND AND/OR IMPLEMENT THIS PROGRAM? DOES PROGRAM INCLUDE "HARDWARE" POSSIBILITIES OR IS IT BASICALLY SHARING OF EXPERTISE? IS ITS STAFFING LIMITED TO USG PERSONNEL OR CAN IT UTILIZE NON-GOVERNMENT EXPERTISE? AND WHAT IS TIME FRAME IN WHICH SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAM MIGHT BEGIN IN INDONESIA?
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